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## Attention Class of 2020

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## Holcomb announces stages of reopening plan

Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions – who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus – should remain at home. Essential travel restrictions are lifted, and social gatherings of up to 25 people are permitted following the CDC's social distancing guidelines. The remaining manufacturers, industrial and other infrastructure operations that had not been considered essential may open. Hoosiers who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so. Retail and commercial businesses may open at 50 percent capacity. Examples include apparel, furniture, jewelry and liquor stores that have been operating as curbside or delivery only. Shopping malls can open at 50 percent capacity

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## IU, ISDH release preliminary findings in Indiana COVID-19 study

General population prevalence of about 2.8 percent shown

### Staff REPORT

Preliminary results from a scientific study aimed at measuring the spread of the novel coronavirus in Indiana show a general population prevalence of about 2.8 percent of the state's population, according to a press

release.

"What we knew through conventional detection methods – testing symptomatic people and those at high-risk for COVID-19 – was just the tip of the iceberg," stated Nir Menachemi, lead scientist on the study and a professor and Fairbanks Endowed Chair in the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at

IUPUI. "Now we're trying to figure out how big that iceberg actually is."

Paul Halverson, founding dean of the Fairbanks School of Public Health, stated continued testing will answer this question and assist with fighting the spread of COVID-19.

"Ideally, we would test every Hoosier," Halverson stated. "But the next best thing is random sam-

ple testing, a scientific approach that allows us to confidently assess how COVID-19 has spread in Indiana, without having to test everyone."

As part of the first phase of the study – a collaboration of the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the Fairbanks School of Public Health

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## Parkview concludes mask-making program



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In late March, Parkview organized its Make-a-Mask program to help conserve its supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) through the COVID-19 pandemic.

## After 40,000 masks received, donations to other community organizations encouraged

### By ROB BURGESS

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After receiving more than 40,000 cloth face mask donations, Parkview Health is concluding its mask-making program and encouraging community members to donate to other organizations in need, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

In response Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Brigle stated the Make-A-Mask program distributed 1,850 masks to Parkview Wabash from the Fort Wayne collection site.

"However, individuals also

donated masks directly to Parkview Wabash Hospital," stated Brigle.

In total, Brigle stated Parkview Wabash received 4,500 donated masks.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Wednesday, Leslie A. Megison, community and media relations specialist, stated that total included the 1,850 masks from the Make-A-Mask program's Fort Wayne distribution.

"In late March, Parkview organized its Make-a-Mask program to help conserve

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Seven hundred fifty mask-making kits, which included directions and supplies, were distributed in just three days, and the volunteer sewers returned 40,450 completed masks.

## 'Symphony in Color' program recognizes student art submissions

Raegan Jones awarded the Pacini Award, the highest award in the state competition

### STAFF REPORT

The Wabash Unit of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association would like to recognize 48 area students, representing eight schools, whose works of art were sent to Indianapolis for statewide judging in the Symphony in Color competition, according to Judy Ward, board member. "Symphony in Color is an enrichment program in which children in grades one through six listen to classical music selections and then draw a visual interpretation of the music to illustrate what the music meant or suggested to them," stated Ward.

This year's five selected compositions were Richard Strauss' "Something Waltz"

from "Der Rosenkavalier"; "Main Theme" from "Jurassic Park" by John Williams; "Main Theme from Back to the Future" by Alan Silvestri; "Infernal Dance" from "The Firebird" by Igor Stravinsky; "Passacaglia" from "Passacaglia" and "Fugue in C Minor" by J. S. Bach.

"After hearing the selections, each student chose one musical example to inspire his or her art interpretation," stated Ward.

Students from Manchester, Metro North, O. J. Neighbors, St. Bernard's, Sharp Creek, and Southwood elementary schools, Wabash Middle School and Wabash-area home-schooled students prepared their art projects for their teachers.

"Following specific criteria, the teachers then chose a maximum of six or seven entries from their school to be sent to Indianapolis for the competition," stated Ward. "Entries were judged on the qualities of musical interpretation, age-appropriate artwork, color or shading, balance, and overall appeal. Thousands of students participate in this statewide program that is designed to develop an appreciation of both music and the visual arts."

Ward stated that from the school entries submitted to Indianapolis, 100 finalists and 36 blue ribbon winners were chosen. Thirteen Wabash County students were part of this select group.

Raegan Jones, a sixth grade art student from Wabash Middle School, was awarded

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## VFW to hold fish fry, with restrictions

Seating capacity guidelines will be in effect during Friday's event

### By ROB BURGESS

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The Wabash Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 286 will hold its fish fry, with some restrictions, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 1078 W. Old 24, stated Dan Ford in a Tuesday statement to the Plain Dealer.

The menu will include hand-battered fish, baked beans, coleslaw and hush puppies.

The cost is \$8 per person and is all-you-can-eat dine-in, though carry-out is available.

"We will be observing capacity restrictions during governor's guidelines," stated Ford. "No seating at the bar."

This is the first such event since the COVID-19 pandemic reached the state. On March 19, the post was closed due to COVID-19 concerns. The original re-opening date was set for April 1, but was moved back even further on March 26.

For more information, call 260-563-2463.

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## Manchester to launch population health major in fall

Faculty members Jeff Osborne and Jeff Beer are leading this program

### By ANNE GREGORY

The rising demand for professionals who can understand health issues affecting communities of people has led to Manchester University's creation of a new major to help meet that need.

In population health, which begins in fall 2020, students

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This is the winning picture drawn by Reagan Jones, a sixth-grader at Wabash Middle School. This is the first time Wabash County has had the Pacini Award winner, the top award in the state competition.



# U.S. report predicts broad risk of COVID-19 at wildfire camps

By REBECCA BOONE  
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Outbreaks of the coronavirus could sweep through large camps where crews typically stay as they fight wildfires across the U.S., according to a federal document obtained by The Associated Press, and the problem is likely to get worse the longer the fire season lasts.

The U.S. Forest Service’s draft risk assessment predicts that even in a best-case scenario – with social distancing followed and plenty of tests and protective equipment available – nearly two dozen firefighters could be infected with COVID-19 at a camp with hundreds of people who come in to combat a fire that burns for months.

The worst-case scenario? More than 1,000 infections.

Forest Service officials have declined to answer questions about the document other than saying it’s outdated and being redone. They didn’t immediately respond to additional questions Wednesday.

“The report is being reviewed and updated with the most current data and is not ready to share,” the agency said Monday in an email.

The Forest Service declined to release a copy of the draft or say what changes are being made. The AP obtained the document from an official who has access to it and didn’t want to be named.

One of the authors of the risk assessment said Tuesday that the infection rates won’t change. But while the draft

originally said the death rate among infected firefighters could reach as high as 6 percent, that is being revised sharply downward, to less than 2 percent, to reflect newer data, said Jude Bayham, an assistant professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University.

He said the initial death rate was based on data from early in the pandemic, when testing was far more limited. Based on new data, firefighters – who are largely healthy and young – will likely fare far better if they contract COVID-19 than the general population, he said.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially people who are older or have health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

Federal guidelines released last week reimagine how to combat wildfires to reduce the risk of firefighters getting the virus. The guidelines urge fire managers to use small crews that can have the close contact that firefighting and travel often require, while staying away from other groups. The guidelines recommend avoiding the traditional large camps and relying on military-issue ready-to-eat or bagged meals instead of catered buffet-style meals at campsites.

Some fire managers also are told to take temperatures with their own touchless

thermometers if possible. The guidelines say everyone should wear masks and other protective equipment when around those outside their immediate crew. Good cleaning and sanitation is recommended, as is isolating firefighters and potentially entire crews if COVID-19 is detected.

A review of incident reports from wildfires so far this year show the guidelines are difficult, and sometimes impossible, to follow and could actually increase some risks to firefighters.

“We have developed pinch-points that cause operational lapses in guidance that may very well get confused with policy and doctrine. This situation could result in injury – or even unwanted death – of our multiagency employees,” Greg Juvan, a fire management officer with the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, wrote in a report from a small wildfire last month.

Social distancing was difficult, and firefighters found it unrealistic to meet sanitation standards for truck radios, hand tools and other gear used in the initial attack on the Idaho wildfire, Juvan said. Social distancing guidelines call for more vehicles to transport crews, but that led to congestion on the narrow roads leading to the fire. The guidelines could raise one of the greatest risks to wildland firefighters – traffic wrecks, Juvan said.

Even something as basic as sanitizing vehicles proved problematic, with cleaning supplies difficult to find, the report said.

## MAJOR

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will learn how to gather, interpret and use health information to empower people and organizations to prevent disease and advocate for a better quality of life for all. They will learn how to understand community, state, national and global health issues to bring about positive societal change through disease prevention and health interventions.

Population health integrates interdisciplinary concepts and skills from the social and natural sciences to address societal health in ways that are both equitable and cost-effective. It combines elements from several related majors: health communication, global



JEFF BEER



JEFF OSBORNE

health and health promotion. The population health major directly aligns with Manchester’s mission to “graduate persons of ability and conviction who draw upon their education and faith to lead principled, productive, and compassionate lives that improve the human condition.”

The major explores how culture influences health and how health relates to education, poverty and equity. A hands-on internship or an immersive practicum in the health sciences is an import-

ant requirement of the new major.

Population health majors can build skills that lead to such careers as chronic disease health educator, clinical research coordinator, clinical researcher, crisis intake specialist, disaster relief support technician, environmental health specialist, health communication specialist, health department administrator, health finance manager, health professional, health services manager, nutritionist, patient navigator, public policy analyst and worksite wellness coordinator.

Faculty members Jeff Osborne and Jeff Beer are leading this new major.

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## SYMPHONY

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the Pacini Award, the highest award in the state competition.

“This award, formerly the Committee Choice Award, was renamed in Renato Pacini’s honor as a token of appreciation for his many years of service to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and his support of the efforts of the Junior Group. Renato Pacini was a beloved member of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra for fifty years, serving as Associate and Assistant Conductor, Assistant Concertmaster, and as a member of the first violin section. He was instrumental in presenting the early seasons of the Lollipop Concerts, sponsored by the Junior Group. Raegan received a certificate and a cash award of \$300 for winning this prestigious award. Her drawing is on display at the Hilbert Circle Theatre for the rest of this year. Raegan’s art teacher is Krystina Martin,” stated Ward.

Ward stated seven students were awarded gold ribbons for excellent recognition at the state level. They were: Brynna Harshman, second grade, Manchester Elementary School; Joslyn Bruning, first grade, and Jaylynn Turner, third grade, Metro North Elementary School; Landon Mast, fifth grade, and Callie Hoffman, sixth grade, Sharp Creek; Holden Poston, fifth grade, St. Bernard; and Quinn Myers, sixth grade, Wabash Middle School.

Other finalists were: Amy Brovont, third grade, Manchester Elementary, Keira Oswalt, third grade, Metro North Elementary School;

Sandy Lindsay, first grade, O. J. Neighbours Elementary School; Jade Harrington, sixth grade, Sharp Creek Elementary School; and Audrey Parker, third grade, Wabash Area Home School Art.

The pictures drawn by these thirteen students were on display at the Indiana State Museum and the Hilbert Circle Theater during February and March.

■ Additional Manchester Elementary School entries, submitted by art teacher Christy Schuler, were Ainsley Metzger, Landon Metzger, Reed Metzger and Grace O’Hara.

■ Other Metro North Elementary School entries, submitted by art teacher Katy Gray, were Charlotte Harrington, Abbonie Hughes and Ethan Krom.

■ Alicia Gullotti, art teacher at O. J. Neighbours entered work by Hailey Berry, Piper Ellett, Hazel McCoart, Emma Morel and Demetri Shull.

■ St. Bernard’s Elementary School entries from teacher Susan Stewart were Elin Betten, Laurel Darland, Raymond Hadley, Austin Morgan and Brett Shull.

■ Art teacher Katy Gray submitted additional Sharp Creek Elementary School art from Jozilynn Fleshood, Saige Martin and Tristen Sluss.

■ Southwood Elementary School’s entries were drawn by Braylon Bassett, Ella Chambers, Harleigh Hiner, Avery Lovatto, Ryleigh Pulley and Alexis Rish and submitted by art teacher Erica Tyson.

■ Home-school entries, submitted by Charly Dye and Judy Ward, were drawn by Asher Carpenter, Silas Carpenter, Tirzah Carpenter, Adi Chamberlain and Hannah Williams.

■ Additional Wabash Middle School artworks, submitted by teacher Krys Martin, were drawn by Chloe Cooper, Serenity Hubbard, Brianna Martin and Jaylen Watson.

All county participants receive recognition certificates, ribbons and art supplies. The annual awards ceremony was canceled.

“This is the 69th year for the Symphony in Color project whose purposes are to encourage young children to appreciate symphonic music; to encourage creative interpretation of music through visual arts; to provide an opportunity for the interdisciplinary study of the performing and visual arts; to increase awareness of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and its role as a cultural leader in the state of Indiana,” stated Ward.

The Wabash Unit of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association was organized in 1939. Administration of the local projects is organized by board members Kathleen Alspaugh, Susan Beckett, Eileen Dye, Carolyn Eppley, Ana Gackenhaimer, Lee Ann George, Kae Gifford, Posy Jasen, Susan Jones, Minda Lehman, Elizabeth Macinata, Beth Perkins, Sheri Shanks, Suzanne Smith, Joyce Stallman, Judy Ward and Mary Weaver. Dorothea Harvey is an honorary member. Local ISOA projects include co-sponsorship with the Honeywell Foundation of the Honeywell House Christmas Open House, sponsorship of third grade tours of the Honeywell House and the Symphony in Color program, and other fundraising events.

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### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Thursday</b> Showers Likely 76 / 64	 <b>Friday</b> Showers Likely 72 / 60	 <b>Saturday</b> Scattered T-storms 70 / 64	 <b>Sunday</b> Showers Likely 69 / 52	 <b>Monday</b> Chance Showers 65 / 54
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#### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 8:58 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:30 a.m.

 Last 5/14	 New 5/22	 First 5/29	 Full 6/5
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#### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 75% chance of showers, high temperature of 76°, humidity of 70%. South southwest wind 11 to 21 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of showers, overnight low of 64°. South southwest wind 12 to 18 mph.

# New employee needs technological help

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I have a new job, but I am worried that I am in over my head because of the technology. I don’t really know how to use the different programs that we have been asked to use on a daily basis. I didn’t lie about it when I took the job. Nobody asked me. I think they assumed that everybody knows how to use things like Microsoft Office and Excel. I hardly know how to use the computer. I’m not so old; it’s just that in my previous jobs I mainly worked with my hands. I wasn’t in an office, and I never learned this stuff. I need this job and need to figure out how to do these basic things before I get fired. I’m afraid to talk to my boss about it. What should I do? – Luddite

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**DEAR LUDDITE:** Technology has moved at such a rapid pace that it is easy to be left behind. And that’s for people who are relatively tech-savvy. For someone who hasn’t had the need to engage with technology on a daily basis, it makes sense that your job seems daunting. The good news is that there’s tons of help out there. Look in your office manual, if you have one, to see if your company offers any technical support. There’s a good chance that some basic training is offered for certain programs that your company regularly uses. Beyond that, go online and look for courses – some free, others at a nominal charge – that will teach you how to operate specific programs, including how to use shortcuts when possible.

I found one source that offers training across many platforms that may help you: support.office.com/en-us/office-training-center. Don’t give up. Just get the tutoring you need. Spend a few hours each night after work studying and practicing, and you will be profi-

cient in no time!

**DEAR HARRIETTE:** I have a friend who was going to get married this spring. Now she has pushed it out for at least a year. It is a destination wedding. I already told her that I can’t go, but I didn’t tell her why. I can’t afford it, plus I don’t even have a passport, believe it or not. I am embarrassed that I’m so ill-prepared to be there for my friend, but now, on top of everything else, I’m nervous about traveling in the aftermath of coronavirus. Do you think I’m being too paranoid? We don’t know when the wedding will be, but probably next year. – Attending a Wedding

**DEAR ATTENDING A WEDDING:** Take a deep breath and relax. You do not have to make a decision right now. But it is good for you

to examine your fears and apprehensions around traveling. When we get to the point that it feels safe to venture out again, it could be wonderful for you to support your friend by attending her destination wedding. It is very easy to apply for a passport. You can get one as an American citizen even if you never take a trip overseas. In terms of budgeting, save money as you can for a travel fund. It can be little bits at a time. You may be surprised at how much you can stash away if you set your mind to it.

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### Lois Evelyn Chain

Lois Evelyn Chain of Atlanta, Georgia passed away peacefully at 3:30 am Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the age of 93. Formerly a resident of Wabash, Indiana, Lois resided at the William Bremen Home in Atlanta, Georgia for the past several years. She was born July 2, 1926 in Wabash County, Indiana to Fernando and Bessie (Stambaugh) Draper. Lois was a 1944 graduate of Somerset High School. She married Russell E. Eppley in Wabash on October 31, 1948. Lois was involved in the daily operations of the family businesses – which consisted of Epps Drive Inn and the Mister Softee trucks – until his death. She later married Bob Chain and lived in Naples, Florida for 25 years before moving to Atlanta after his



death. She was a member of the Christ United Methodist Church. She enjoyed traveling, playing cards and Bingo especially with her numerous friends at the facility. She is survived by two children, Rod (Laura) Eppley of Rogers, Arkansas and Pamela (Jeff) Gilfoy of Naples, Florida and sister Ruth Ann Templin of Wabash, three grandchildren, Brooke Heron of DaNang, Vietnam, Dianne Eppley of Centerton, Arkansas & Liza Eppley of Little Rock, Arkansas and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Gary Eppley, her parents, brother Wayne Draper and in-laws Eldon Templin, Dana & Valette Hartong. A celebration of Life will be observed at a future date.

### Esther J. Strike

Nov. 15, 1941 – May 12, 2020

Esther J. Strike, 78, North Manchester, passed away May 12, 2020. Esther was born November 15, 1941. Surviving are her sons, Leroy R. (Lorna) Strike and Samuel C. (Lisa) Strike; daughters, Mary Louise (Floyd) Bowman and Ruth E. (Dan) Winger; twelve grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren, six

step-great-grandchildren. Esther was preceded in death by her parents, Stanly and Velma Brovont and husband, Carl J. Strike. Calling Friday, May 15, 2020 from 2:00 to 5:00 & 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, North Manchester. A private service will be held Saturday, May 16, 2020.

### PENDING SERVICES

**Viola Lehner:** passed away on May 13, 2020. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

**Robert Hollenback:** 71,

passed away on May 12, 2020. **Kathleen Stewart:** 96, passed away on May 12, 2020. Services are pending and have been entrusted to McDonald Funeral Home, Wabash.

## Indiana absentee ballot requests 5 times the total in 2016

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — About 275,000 Indiana residents have requested absentee ballots for the June 2 primary election, more than five times the total who voted absentee in the 2016 primary, state officials said. That number announced Tuesday is about 50,000 more than a week ago. Requests for a mail-in ballots, technically known as absentee voting by mail, must be received by county election offices no later than May 21. Ballots must be received by a county election office no later than noon on Election Day, June 2, to be counted. Nearly 48,000 Hoosiers voted by mail in the 2016 primary. Some counties have sent

out absentee ballot applications to all registered voters in a bid to reduce in-person voting on Election Day. Some counties have been hard pressed to find poll workers because of the coronavirus. For the first time in Indiana, voters are not required to have a specific reason for voting, in part because of social distancing recommendations amid the coronavirus outbreak. Officials at the Indiana Election Commission said the large number of mail-in ballots, along with the need to follow other coronavirus prevention measures, could delay election results in some counties by a day or two.

### STUDY

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— researchers tested more than 4,600 Hoosiers between April 25 and May 1 for viral infections and antibodies of SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. This number includes more than 3,600 people who were randomly selected and an additional 900 volunteers recruited through outreach to the African American and Hispanic communities to more accurately represent state demographics. After analyzing these test results, IUPUI public health researchers determined that during the last week in April, 1.7 percent of participants tested positive for the novel coronavirus and an additional 1.1 percent tested positive for antibod-

ies — bringing the estimated population prevalence of the virus in the state to 2.8 percent, or approximately 186,000 Hoosiers who were actively or previously infected as of May 1, Menachemi stated. As of the same date, the state’s testing showed about 17,000 cumulative cases — not including deaths — suggesting that only about one out of every 11 true infections were identified by tests focused on symptomatic or high-risk people. Having a reliable estimate of the number of people infected also enables scientists to calculate much sought-after, but otherwise unknown, rates, like the infection-fatality rate, which represents the proportion of all those infected who have died, as opposed to the case-fatality rate, which focused mostly on symp-

tomatic and high-risk cases, Menachemi stated. IUPUI scientists estimate the infection-fatality rate for the novel coronavirus in Indiana to be 0.58 percent, making it almost six times more deadly than the seasonal flu, which has an infection-fatality rate of 0.1, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Menachemi stated the research team also found that almost 45 percent of people who tested positive for active viral infection reported no symptoms at all. The scientists also identified certain communities that have been more affected by COVID-19 than others. Analysis of the random sample suggests that Hispanics, African Americans and other races including those who identify as bi-racial have higher positive

rates for the virus. “This was confirmed with data from the targeted outreach that allowed us to gain additional participants from these communities — further strengthening the evidence in support of this disparity,” Menachemi stated. Additionally, the study found some differences across the state’s 10 Public Health Preparedness Districts. District 9 on the southeast side of the state, which experienced an early facility-based outbreak, was observed to have the highest prevalence of the virus in the general population. The prevalence in districts 1, 5 and 10 was also slightly higher than in other districts. “We’re so grateful for this work. It’s an important snapshot in time of what is happening in our state, and future testing phases will

bolster our knowledge,” stated State Health Commissioner Kris Box, M.D., FACOG. “These initial results will help guide us in our efforts to make decisions about how we move forward in Indiana and better position resources.” Menachemi stated preliminary results seem to suggest that the state’s physical distancing policies — also known as social distancing — have played a role in curbing the spread of the virus. Study participants who reported living with a person in their household who was positive for the virus were more than nine times more likely to test positive themselves. Coupled with the study’s relatively low 2.8 percent general population prevalence, this seems to imply that Indiana has been able to contain a large number of infections to within

households, he said. “By slowing the spread of the virus, we now have bought some time to determine the best way forward,” Menachemi stated. “However, it is important to stress that the vast majority of the people in Indiana have not been infected and represent the minimum pool of still susceptible individuals. Therefore, as we slowly phase back and open the economy, we need to be extra vigilant with any and all safety precautions so that we do not lose the ground that we gained by hunkering down.” The next phases of testing are planned for early June, October and April 2021. Select members of the public will again be asked to participate, by invitation only, to ensure that the sampling is representative of the population.

## Indiana woman has been a ‘mother’ to more than 400 children

By DEBORAH LAVERTY  
The Times

PORTAGE — Janice Wozniak has six cribs, one in every room of her ranch-style home, neatly stacked clothing in sizes infant to 5T and a basement full of toys. Wozniak, 73, is well-prepared for the job she has held over the last 45 years — providing foster care to 400 babies and toddlers. The children she has taken into her Portage home through the years include those with drug and alcohol addiction, those burned and abused, those medically challenged and those brought to her home in the dead of night. “God has put the love of babies in my heart,” Wozniak said. On a recent weekday, Wozniak cuddled close to her 2-month-old baby boy, while keeping her eyes on an 18-month-old toddler boy, whose attention focused on visitors, “Sesame Street” and his favorite toys. Wozniak said the toughest part of being a foster parent is taking care of youngsters in their earliest days and then handing them back to their

biological or adoptive parents usually around age 2. “Once they leave, I rarely see them again. That’s the sad part. I miss them,” Wozniak said. She recalls past farewells to her young charges in which she and her late husband, Henry Wozniak, would close the door and both break down in tears. “We had some of them since birth, and we’re their mom and dad until they leave with new people who will be their parents. Once they leave, you have to let go. You worry about them, dream about them and hear them cry and realize they are not here. It’s not easy. It’s very traumatic on our family,” Wozniak said. She said God gave her the perfect husband when she and Henry married in 1967. She lost him April 22 when he died due to complications from a fall. “He was the perfect husband with all the little ones. It was so sad when he passed because he did all the cooking and babysitting. When you would see Henry he was in his recliner with three little ones on his lap,” Wozniak said.

And although Wozniak has no intention of retiring from her foster care job, she does intend to go from taking care of up to five children to two or three. “(Foster care) is the love of my life. I’ll have to slow down a little because my husband is not here,” she said. Wozniak grew up in Portage and knew at age 8 that she wanted to become a foster care parent. “There was a young couple that were foster care parents in my church when I was growing up, and I admired them. I remember thinking that I’d love to do that when I grow up,” she said. After graduating from high school, Wozniak got a job at U.S. Steel and met Henry on a blind date. The two got married and had two of their own biological children: James and Jodi. They later adopted two more children, Krissi and Daniel. The Wozniaks signed up for the foster care program in 1975. Having foster care “siblings” around her is something Jodi Barnard, 46, said was second nature for her. Barnard was only a year old

when her parents signed up for the program. “This was life for us. None of my friends could compete with that. I was always thrilled to share that my parents had all these foster children,” Barnard said. And through the years of fostering other babies and children, it wasn’t always easy for her parents, she said. “When (the children) are alcohol- or drug-addicted, they have problems,” Barnard said. Her parents dealt with children who pulled down blinds, pulled off baseboards from the wall and even took dressers apart. “They can be very destructive,” Barnard said. Krissi VanMeter, 41, said she was adopted by the Wozniaks as a drug-addicted baby, but she soon became “daddy’s little girl” and a beloved member of the family. “They loved everyone. They give wholeheartedly, and they always have. They spoiled all of us,” VanMeter said. She and Barnard planned to spoil their mom on Mother’s Day, including treating her to her favorite chicken salad from Marilyn’s Bakery in Hobart.



Provided photo

Parkview Wabash received 4,500 donated masks.

### MASK

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its supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) through the COVID-19 pandemic. Seven hundred fifty mask-making kits, which included directions and supplies, were distributed in just three days, and the

volunteer sewers returned 40,450 completed masks,” stated Brigle. “In April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance that recommended the use of cloth face masks or coverings in community settings to help slow the spread of COVID-19. A face mask or covering can help contain the wearer’s germs and prevent

the spread of the virus before symptoms develop. Following the CDC’s guidance, Parkview Health adopted a universal masking policy, which means all patients and co-workers must wear a face mask inpatient care facilities. Patients are encouraged to bring and wear their masks, but those who don’t have a mask will be given one upon

arrival.” For masking-wearing guidance, visit Parkview.com/masksafety. For more information on COVID-19, including an interactive Symptom Checker, visit Parkview.com/COVID19. Rob Burgess, Wabash Plain Dealer editor, may be reached by email at rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com.



# Opinion

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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.

**Proverbs 16:3**

# The world needs a new attitude towards debt

Resilience has become the watchword for governments across the world. Mostly it is being applied to healthcare systems and manufacturing supply chains that risk being overwhelmed by Covid-19. But a new approach towards corporate finance is also called for: a preference for debt over equity has left economies more fragile than they should have been going into this crisis.

The capability for debt to produce instability has been comprehensively demonstrated twice in little over a decade. The 2008 financial crisis, at its root, was caused by excess debt. The destructive power of the financial innovations that prompted the moment of crisis itself were amplified by the leverage of the banks. A long decade of meager growth followed on the heels of the crisis, partly as banks and governments attempted to repair their finances.

While the present crisis is not caused by debt, the side effects of lock down are made worse thanks to businesses' stretched balance sheets. Companies that used cheap borrowing to lever up and juice their profits are now struggling to meet interest rate payments during an enforced shutdown. Borrowing that in good times kept costs low can become a millstone in bad times.

Debts are, at their heart, a prom-

ise, but circumstances change and promises made in good faith in one situation cannot always be ruthlessly enforced when the world changes. Doing so can be destructive to businesses and investors alike; debt overhangs and technical defaults can force otherwise viable companies on to the scrap heap. When promises are broken the question becomes how to distribute the pain; equity has that capacity built in.

Yet the existing infrastructure for handling default and bankruptcy is not adequate to cope with such a large and rapid wave of restructurings. Bankruptcy courts are concerned with ensuring that contracts are honoured and untangling the competing claims of creditors rather than protecting economic activity. Out-of-court renegotiations are difficult at the best of times, an era of social distancing and massive uncertainty makes them even harder.

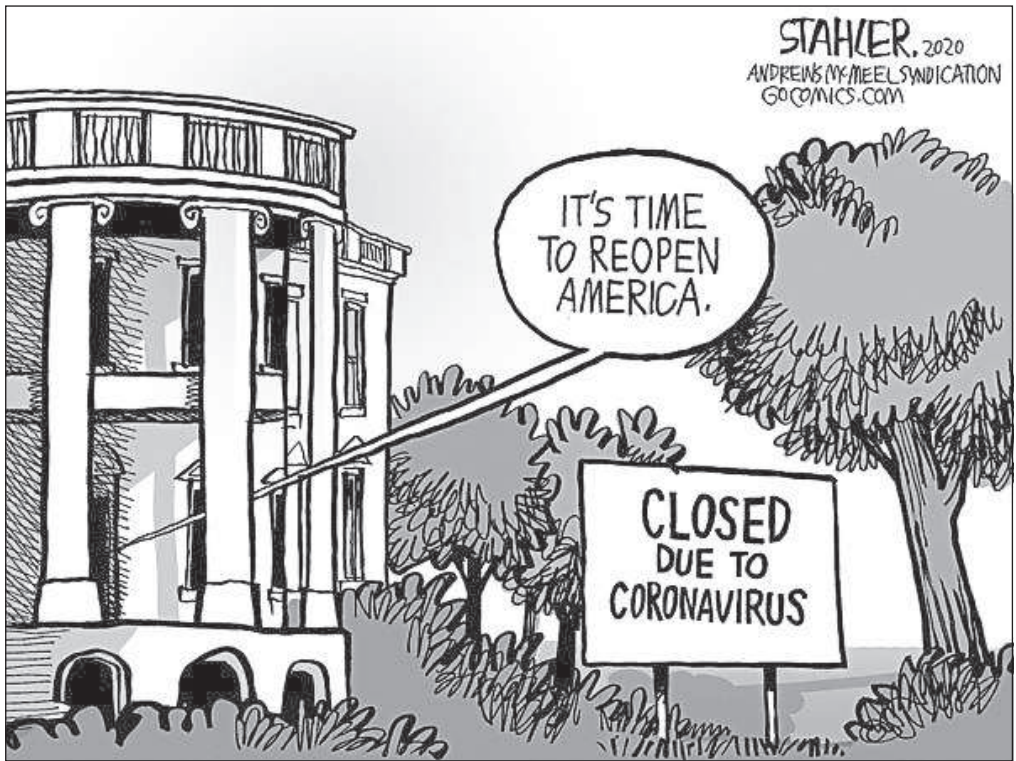
Incentives to rely on debt rather than equity should be removed after the crisis. Corporation taxes fall on the profits distributed to shareholders and not interest to bondholders. Chief executives are rationally responding to the incentives put in front of them when they tap bond rather than stock markets. Central bank policies, like quantitative easing, reduce the cost of financing

generally – both debt and equity. The reliance on borrowing reflects the incentives companies face.

For the time being, governments should consider re-orientating bailout programs from loan guarantees and cheap credit towards equity injections. The taxpayer is already taking the kind of risks that shareholders take: many of these companies will fail and the loans will never be repaid. Yet taxpayers are not enjoying the potential upsides of a share in the profits when lock downs end. More equity prevents the kind of debt overhangs – where high levels of borrowing prevent companies from investing in profitable ideas – which could hamper eventual recovery.

Credit is an enormously powerful tool: in the months and years ahead it will let many individuals, companies and governments survive an economic decline that would otherwise be devastating. Yet recent experience shows it can also be fraught with dangers and amplify downturns. A resilient economy is a flexible one. Effective bankruptcy procedures are essential. But the most flexible form of finance is equity. The bigger the shocks we are exposed to, the more important genuinely loss-bearing equity becomes.

*This editorial was first published in the Financial Times.*



# Widespread recklessness will lead to new shutdowns and more economic pain

We keep waiting to see what the "new normal" will be like. But I have the sinking feeling that it's already here.

Social distancing has managed to keep the coronavirus pandemic from overwhelming the entire nation's health care system the way it did for a time in New York City. But the steep rise in COVID-19 cases and deaths is not being followed by an equally steep decline. Rather, we seem to have reached some kind of plateau.

New York is clearly past its peak: New cases, hospitalizations and deaths are all gradually going down. But those tragic numbers are still rising in much of the rest of the country. For most of April, COVID-19 was one of the leading causes of death in the nation. The New York Times reported Tuesday that an internal Trump administration estimate predicts daily COVID-19 deaths nationwide could rise to 3,000 by the beginning of June, roughly twice the daily toll right now.

Yet, as New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo noted recently, draconian stay-at-home restrictions are "not a sustainable situation." People will have to be let out of their homes. Children need to be educated. The economy will have to be gently roused from its induced coma.

COVID-19 can – and, I believe, someday will – be defeated by a safe and effective vaccine. But the fastest-ever vaccine development to date (for mumps) took four years. Deborah Birk, coordinator of the White House coronavirus task force, said Sunday it may be possible to have a COVID-19 vaccine by the end of the year "on paper." But written formulae, however brilliant, cannot be injected into veins.

So, for now, we're going to have to find a way to coexist with this

**Eugene Robinson**



pathogen.

If it is confirmed that having had the disease and developed antibodies confers robust and long-lasting immunity, perhaps survivors can resume their normal activities, and those whose work

requires up-close-and-personal contact, like barbers and massage therapists, can somehow have their COVID-immune status certified. Unless and until we have universal testing, however, there's no way to know who's safe and who's not.

The rest of us will venture out more slowly and cautiously, with masks now a routine part of our wardrobes. The most vulnerable – those over 65 and those suffering from preexisting conditions such as heart disease or diabetes – will likely be the last to emerge from isolation. But what will we find when we come back out into the world?

It is hard to imagine how large crowds, such as those for sports events, can safely gather before there is a vaccine. We may have to watch sports on television – assuming the immunity status of the athletes is known and arrangements can be made that allow them to stay healthy and compete safely – and provide our own crowd noise.

But what about other situations in which we're used to being in close quarters? Restaurants can try social-distancing their diners, but fewer tables mean less revenue; many likely will not survive, at least not with their current rents and business plans intact. Retailers must meter the number of shoppers allowed inside at any given time, and browsing

may be more nerve-racking than pleasurable. Cinema houses will suffer, if they even reopen, and I wonder if the experience of watching a film amid a crowd will become a thing of the past. The drive-in theaters that are just barely keeping the movies alive right now might make a more permanent comeback.

Airline travel presents an especially tough problem: People need to move from place to place, yet airliners present a captive audience for opportunistic germs. I don't know if we'll ever go so far as to require travelers to present "immunity passports" along with their government ID's. But at a minimum, I think there will be temperature checks to identify those who might have active disease and be spreading it, and perhaps even rapid testing like the screening Emirates Airlines is rolling out.

Governments and major health insurers have wisely decided to make COVID-19 testing, treatment and medications free of charge. That is one emergency measure that should be made permanent – and expanded into a national system of truly universal health care. This pandemic offers a vivid illustration of the fact that the health of the individual depends on the health of the community.

And we are a community, whether we like it or not. Self-interest and the common interest are one and the same. Businesses that reopen without adequately making customers feel safe will fail. Widespread recklessness will lead to new shutdowns and more economic pain.

We are all in this together. Some of us may not like that, but the coronavirus doesn't care.

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## LETTERS

### Restarting meat and poultry processing plants

After I was discharged from the Navy and finished graduate school in the late 1960s I started my corporate career as a manufacturing analyst/industrial engineer for a large food company that processed meat and poultry, and I know how close the workers are on the manufacturing lines. So it is no surprise to me these workers are contracting and spreading the coronavirus within their plants.

The plant has to undergo a complete cleaning with a disinfectant before reopening. The plant owners have to purchase and provide face masks, possibly goggles, medical aprons and other PPE to the workers to help them combat the virus. Additionally, the workers at the processing tables where the meats and poultry are placed have to be spaced out about six feet apart. The same spacing applies to the conveyors used to transport the beef, pork and poultry to be processed. The quantities of beef, pork and poultry on the tables will have to be reduced and the conveyors will have to be slowed down so the reduced number of workers can keep up with the flow. Of course, this will reduce the output of the processing plants and limit the volume of products available to the marketplace, but it could allow food processing plants to operate while safeguarding the health of the workers.

Since the number of workers on any one shift will be reduced, it could be feasible to put on a second shift to help make up for the lost volume. A third shift might not be feasible because of machine maintenance, sanitation and cleaning requirements. A shortened third shift might be possible. The economics of adding shifts will have to be looked at by ownership because of additional costs for shift differential pay, increased supervisory hours, and increased overhead costs, e.g. utility costs. If additional shifts are not feasible during the normal workweek, it might be feasible to put on weekend shifts.

I forward this information to whet people's appetites with food for thought.

**Donald Moskowitz  
Londonderry, New Hampshire**

# Hospital Week has deeper meaning this year

by MARK MEDLEY

Hospital Week has deeper meaning this year as the Lutheran Health Network hospital teams celebrate our work to provide, safe, high-quality care for patients.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it crystal clear just how much communities rely on their local hospitals and also how much we rely on you. During the past few weeks, we've felt an outpouring of support and we are grateful to everyone who has delivered a meal, sewn a facemask, left a card, a sign or a chalk drawing, or who has just reached out to one of our caregivers and support team to say: thank you. Thank you for doing that.

Lutheran Health Network hospitals are used to responding in times of crisis. But, this pandemic is unlike anything that any of us has ever experienced. And, we know it has created anxiety for man people, especially when it comes to seeking healthcare services. So, we want you to know two things.

First, you can count on us to maintain a safe environment for patients and employees. We are taking extraordinary measures – going above and beyond all of our normal efforts to keep our hospitals clean and safe – because if you need healthcare, we want you to feel confident and to know you are protected. We are screening everyone who comes into the hospital, providing face masks and other personal protective equipment to staff and patients, rearranging our environments to enable social distancing, and, in the event, we ever do have any patients with COVID-19 at the hospital, we are caring for them in an area that is separate and isolated from the rest of the hospital. Of course, our cleaning staff is disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces and doing a terrific job of keeping the hospitals clean.

We also want you to know that if you have sudden symptoms that may indicate an emergency health concern, you can – and you should – seek immediate medical attention. Tragically, people with serious emergencies, including heart attacks and stroke, are waiting too long for medical care. Getting fast medical treatment could be the difference between life and death – so please, don't ignore or rationalize the signs of a health emergency. Call 911, come to the hospital and get the help you need.

The same goes for chronic conditions and even routine healthcare needs. Many of our doctors offer telehealth visits for those who prefer not to come into the office. But, if an in-person visit is required, we are keeping our offices safe – so you can visit your doctor if needed.

This Hospital Week, I am so proud of our team and the way they have stepped up to this new normal. I'm proud of everyone in our community who has stayed home to help flatten the curve and limit the spread of COVID-19.

Standing together we have seen how powerful our human connection is. So, keep standing together – but stay 6 feet apart. Wash your hands frequently. Tell someone how much you appreciate them. And, if you need healthcare, please don't be afraid. We are here and prepared to care for you, and also to keep you safe.

*Mark Medley, FACHE, is the regional president and CEO of Lutheran Health Network.*



# Mom vetoes grandma’s plan to flout distancing rules

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents have strong opinions. I don’t agree with them in areas such as how to raise or discipline my children. If I try to explain why, they mock me with their tone of voice. Then they get mad if I try to discuss it with them and won’t speak to me for a couple of weeks.

**Dear Abby**



Currently, they are insisting that I am making a mountain out of a molehill because of the coronavirus. I stay at home with my children and run out only to buy food. Abby, my parents are ignoring all the health recommendations. They still go out in public places where people are close to each other.

They now want to have all their grandkids over to play and are upset with me because I refuse. It has reached the point that I don’t answer my phone when I see Mom’s number because I know she’ll lecture me on how I am “tearing the family apart over this nonsense that we’ll just laugh about next year.” How do you get family members to respect your request for social distancing? – Doing What’s Right For Now

**DEAR DOING:** Here’s how: Stick to your guns. Remind your mother that your children’s welfare is your sacred responsibility. It is your job to ensure their safety, and it’s no laughing matter. Tell her this is why you have chosen to follow the directions issued by the Centers for Disease Control. You wish she and your dad would be more careful about their own health, but you respect that they are adults making their own choices, and you expect that she will extend to you the same courtesy. Period!

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently gave a family member a gift. Immediately upon opening it, they exclaimed, “I don’t want this! I will never use this. Can I return it and get something else?” This was followed by repeatedly saying they didn’t want the item and dragging out of the closet a similar item another family member had given them, exclaiming, “See? I already have almost the exact same thing, and I’ve never used it.”

This relative kept repeating they didn’t ever want anything like this and what I should always get them. This is the same person, by the way, who buys me whatever they want to get me whether I want it or not, and refuses to listen when I state what I would like as gifts. Am I too sensitive, or is this behavior bad manners? – Gift Horse In Wyoming

**DEAR GIFT HORSE:** It’s an example of appalling bad manners and lack of gratitude. Because the relative is also unwilling or unable to choose appropriate gifts, why not agree to stop exchanging them? In cases like this, a nice, neutral greeting card would cause fewer hurt feelings.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I disagree about something, and I’d like you to be the tie-breaker. One of us believes it’s proper to keep the title to a vehicle in the glove compartment of the vehicle alongside the registration and insurance papers. The other thinks it’s foolish and dangerous. What say you? – Tie-Breaker In Kentucky

**DEAR TIE-BREAKER:** I say it is better to err on the side of caution and keep the title in a safe deposit box or file cabinet. The same is true for the deed to your home, as well as other important documents.

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## CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

- 1 Car owner’s document
- 6 Landfills
- 11 Audibly
- 12 Trailer rental (hyph.)
- 13 Mixtures
- 15 Cover with graffiti
- 16 Dishwasher phases
- 18 Glove sz.
- 19 Utmost degree
- 21 Caveman Alley —
- 22 Immaculate
- 23 Planks
- 25 Sushi bar selection
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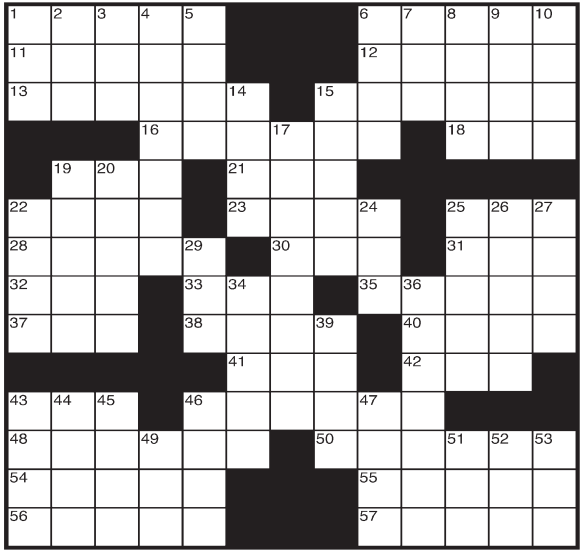
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- 2 Running a fever
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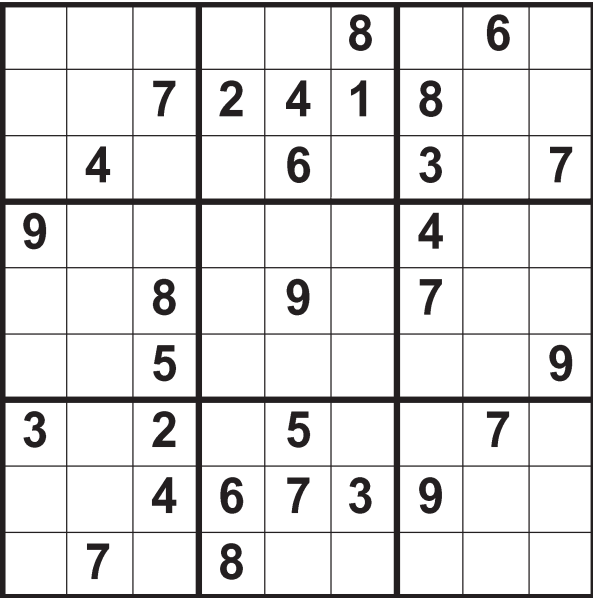
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- 25 Fencing weapons
- 26 Majestic wader
- 27 Glasgow girl
- 29 Sense organ
- 34 Spring fragrance
- 36 Version
- 39 Kind of dancer (hyph.)
- 43 Small strip of citrus peel
- 44 World’s fair
- 45 Twelve, maybe
- 46 Coat with gold
- 47 Gets it wrong
- 49 Railroad track part
- 51 Obstacle to humility
- 52 Up-to-date
- 53 Evaluate by experiencing



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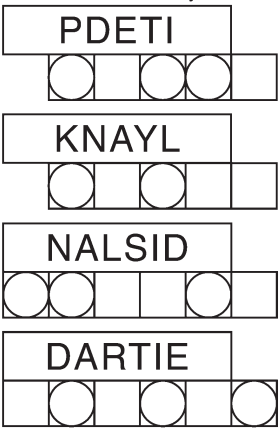
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



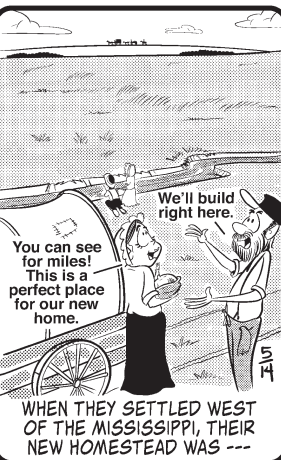
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Yesterday’s Jumbles: HIPPO APPLY NIBBLE SPOTTY Answer: She was able to quickly reach the summit because she was — IN TIP-TOP SHAPE

### THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

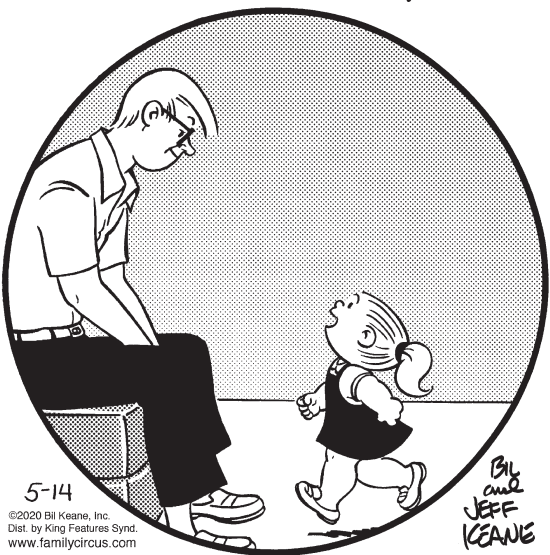


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(Answers tomorrow)

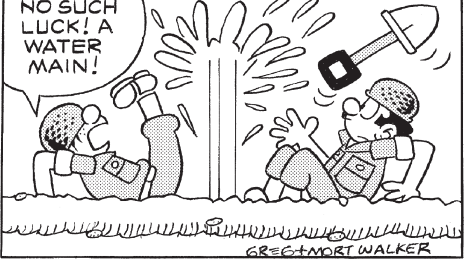
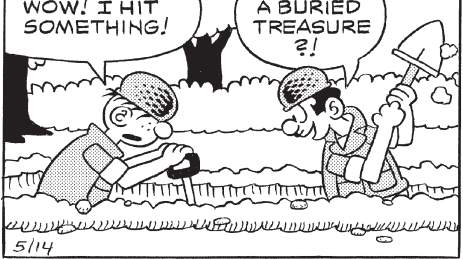
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By Bil Keane

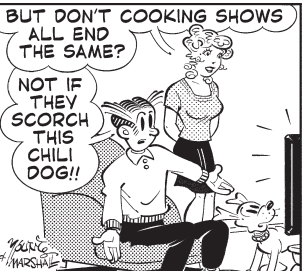
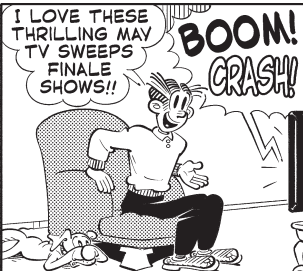


“Daddy, who’s your favorite little girl who lives in this house?”

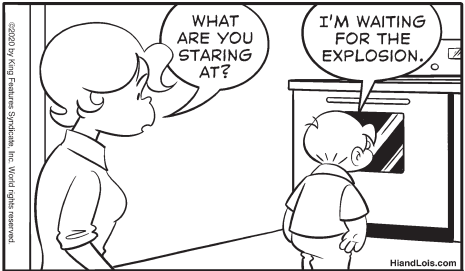
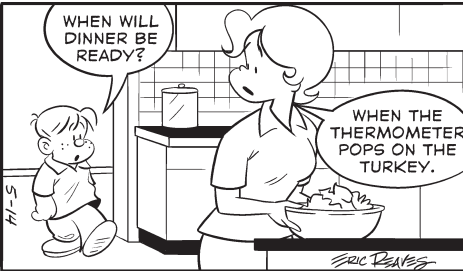
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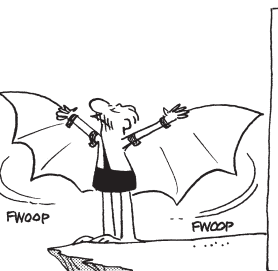
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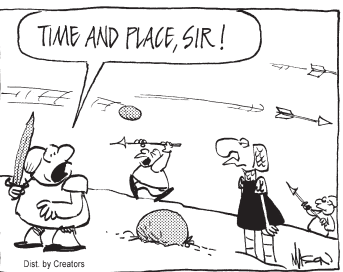
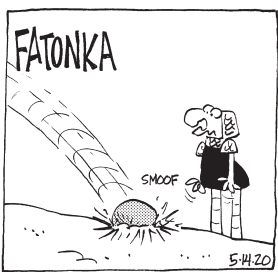
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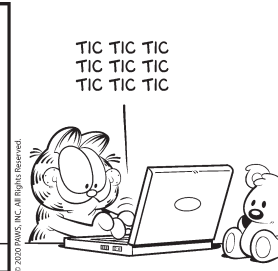
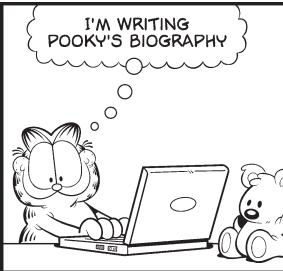
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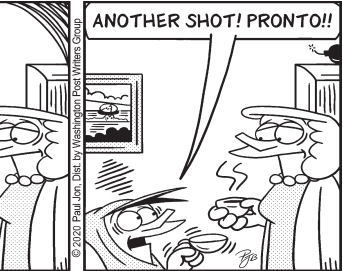
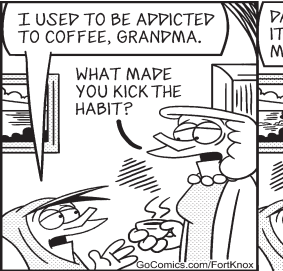
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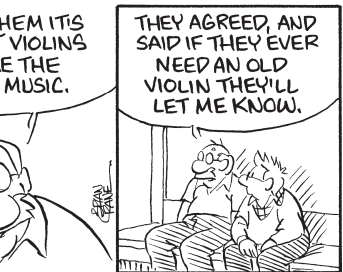
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# Justices fear ‘chaos’ if states can’t bind electors’ votes

By **MARK SHERMAN**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices invoked fears of bribery and chaos Wednesday to suggest they think states can require presidential electors to back their states’ popular vote winner in the Electoral College.

The justices heard arguments on an unusual voting issue that could have important consequences for the 2020 presidential election in an era of intense political polarization.

A focus of the questions was whether states can replace electors who decide to vote for someone other than the state popular vote winner. If they can’t, “it would lead to chaos,” Justice Samuel Alito said, “where the popular vote is close and changing just a few votes would alter the outcome.”

Justice Clarence Thomas asked, “Can a state remove someone, for example, who openly solicits payments for his or her vote?”

Wednesday was the court’s final day of arguments by telephone in May, with livestreamed audio, and dealt with whether presidential electors are bound to support popular-vote winners in their states or can opt for someone else. Arguments had been scheduled for the courtroom in April but were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

So-called faithless electors have not been critical to the outcome of a presidential election, but that could change in a contest with a razor-thin margin.

Thirty-two states and the District of Columbia require presidential electors to vote for the popular-vote winner, and electors almost always do so anyway. Under the Constitution, the country elects the president indirectly, with voters choosing people who actually cast an Electoral College ballot for president. It takes 270 votes to win.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said people become electors by pledging to

support a candidate. What troubled her, Ginsburg said, was, “I made a promise to do something, but that promise is unenforceable.”

The issue arose in lawsuits filed by three Hillary Clinton electors in Washington state and one in Colorado who refused to vote for her despite her popular vote win in both states. In so doing, they hoped to persuade enough electors in states won by Donald Trump to choose someone else and deny Trump the presidency.

The federal appeals court in Denver ruled that electors can vote as they please, rejecting arguments that they must choose the popular-vote winner. In Washington, the state Supreme Court upheld a \$1,000 fine against the three electors and rejected their claims.

In all, there were 10 faithless electors in 2016, including a fourth in Washington, a Democratic elector in Hawaii and two Republican electors in Texas. In addition, Democratic electors who said they

would not vote for Clinton were replaced in Maine and Minnesota.

Harvard Law School professor Lawrence Lessig, who favors broad reforms to voting, redistricting and the way campaigns are funded, represented the Washington electors at the Supreme Court. Lessig briefly sought the 2016 Democratic nomination and called for presidential electors to support Clinton because she won the national popular vote four years ago.

Lessig warned that binding electors could open the door to other restrictions, including denying electoral votes to candidates who don’t visit their states or fail to release their tax returns.

The Campaign Legal Center, which also supports campaign finance and redistricting reforms, warned in a legal filing that a high court ruling that electors are free agents creates the “possibility that presidential campaigns and outside groups could direct large sums of money to crucial or wavering electors.”

# Ex-Rep. Rokita might join race for Ind. attorney general

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita says he could become a new Republican challenger to embattled Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill’s reelection bid.

Rokita issued a statement about possibly seeking the Republican nomination for the office after the state Supreme Court on Monday ordered a 30-day law license suspension for Hill over allegations that he drunkenly groped a state lawmaker and three other women during a party.

Rokita said Hill is “very badly wounded” because of the allegations.

“We are in great danger of losing the seat and giving it to a liberal Democrat with Curtis Hill on the ballot,” Rokita said. “There is too much at stake for us to not consider other alternatives for our state’s top lawyer.”

Hill has denied doing anything wrong and is seeking reelection despite calls from Republican

Gov. Eric Holcomb and other state GOP leaders for his resignation.

Decatur County Prosecutor Nate Harter and Indianapolis attorney John Westercamp are already challenging Hill for the Republican nomination, which will be decided at the state party convention scheduled for June 20.

State Republican Chairman Kyle Hupfer, who is also Holcomb’s campaign manager, released a blunt statement saying “Hoo-siers would be best served by having a new Attorney General. I have faith in our delegates.”

Rokita won statewide elections as secretary of state in 2002 and 2006 before holding a central Indiana congressional seat for eight years. He lost a 2018 bid for the Republican U.S. Senate nomination to Mike Braun.

State Sen. Karen Tallian of Ogden Dunes and former Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel are seeking the Democratic nomination.

## PULSE

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with indoor common areas restricted to 25 percent capacity. Restaurants and bars that serve food may open starting Monday, May 11 at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating will remain closed. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors also may open Monday, May 11 by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines. Starting Friday, May 8, for all of the state’s counties, indoor worship services may also convene, following specific social distancing guidelines – while those 65 and older and those at elevated risk will be asked to stay home. For more information, visit BackOnTrack.in.gov.

## Dozens of testing sites available across the state

Individuals may register online at <https://lhi.care/covid> testing or by calling 888-634-1116. Individuals who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a testing site. Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant or a member of a minority population that’s at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested. Individuals should bring proof of Indiana residency such as a state-issued ID, work ID or utility bill. This testing is free to individuals, and health insurance is not required. However, if individuals have private health insurance, they should bring their insurance information with them to their testing appointment. ISDH will also offer four drive-thru clinics from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Thursday, May 14 to Sunday, May 17 at the following locations: Bluffton High School, 1 Tiger Tail, Bluffton; Sullivan High School, 902 N. Section St., Sullivan; North Madison Christian Church, 1400 E State Road 62, Madison; and Calumet New Tech High School, 3900 Calhoun St., Gary.

## Farmers market season set to begin Saturday

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market opens from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 16 in the Honeywell Center/Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. If you are interested in becoming a vendor or volunteering at the event, call 260-563-0975 or visit [www.wabashmarketplace.org](http://www.wabashmarketplace.org).

## Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for May 19

The Red Cross has scheduled

a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 19 at First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

## Online absentee ballot applications must be completed, received by May 21

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot for the June 2 Primary Election. To vote absentee-by-mail, voters who qualify must complete an absentee-by-mail application. These are available online at [www.IndianaVoters.com](http://www.IndianaVoters.com). Voters may also submit their request by mail, email or fax. The application must be completed and received by the county election board or the Indiana Election Division by May 21. After an application has been received, the voter will be mailed a Primary Election ballot. The voter must then complete the ballot, and return it to the county election board by noon Election Day, June 2.

## Local absentee, early, in-person voting details announced

Any registered voter may vote by absentee for the June 2 primary election by requesting an absentee ballot. To request an absentee-by-mail application, call 260-563-0661 ext. 1238. In-person early voting is available beginning Tuesday, May 26. Wabash County voters may vote at OJ Neighbors school gymnasium, 1545 N Wabash St. Early voting will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 30. Voting will also take place at this location from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, June 1. On June 2, Election Day, the only two places open to vote in Wabash County will be O J Neighbors School gymnasium at 1545 N Wabash St., and North Manchester High School gymnasium, 1 Squire Drive, North Manchester.

## Mural festival seeks local artists

Make It Your Own Mural Fest, organized by the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, is asking artists to apply for the Artist and Mentorship Programs as part of the 11-day mural festival scheduled for Sept. 8 to 18. Make It Your Own Mural Fest is also searching for volunteers for the Mentorship Program. Applications are available at [www.NEImuralfestival.com](http://www.NEImuralfestival.com) and are open through the end of May.

## Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 2

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 2 at the Wabash County YMCA, 500 S. Cass St.

## 25th annual WACCY golf outing prepares to tee off

Registration is now open for Grow Wabash County’s 25th Annual WACCY Golf Outing, scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at the Honeywell Public Golf Course. Grow Wabash County has also scheduled a back-up date of Thursday, July 30 in the case that the social distancing recommendations are still in effect come June. Registration is \$360 per four-person team. For more information, visit [www.growwabashcounty.com/](http://www.growwabashcounty.com/) events, email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

## Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day officially rescheduled

The Wabash Kiwanis Club’s annual Pancake Day has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 6 at the Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will take place at noon. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at [donnasiders@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasiders@hotmail.com) or calling 260-571-1892. For more information, email [keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us).

## Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for June 6

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 6 at Scotty’s Bar, 780 Manchester Ave.

## Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

## Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. DIM! will take place

on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or call 260-563-7171.

## Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

## Closings announced due to COVID-19 concerns

- Access Youth Center: All scheduled after school and weekend programming is canceled until further notice.
- BMV: The Wabash branch of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is open by appointment only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at 1679 N. Cass St. The phone number is 888-692-6841 and the lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/bmv/4363.htm>.
- Community Foundation of Wabash County: Individuals with questions may email [patty@cfwabash.org](mailto:patty@cfwabash.org) or [julie@cfwabash.org](mailto:julie@cfwabash.org), or call 260-982-4824.
- Division of Family Resources: Offices closed until further notice. Visit the FSSA benefits portal at [www.fssabenefits.in.gov](http://www.fssabenefits.in.gov). DFR staff is available by phone at 800-403-0864 to provide customer service from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Clients may also continue to send documents to DFR via mail at P.O. Box 1810, Marion, IN 46952.
- Farm Service Agency: County offices are open in Indiana by phone appointment only until further notice, and staff is available to continue helping agricultural producers with program signups, loan servicing and other important actions. Call 260-563-7486.
- Honeywell Foundation: All events at foundation properties including the Honeywell Center, Honeywell House, Eagles Theatre, Dr. James Ford Historic Home and Charley Creek Gar-

dens are suspended until further notice.

- Living Well in Wabash County: The Community Cupboard pantry will operate as a drive-through with regular pantry hours, which are from 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays; closed Wednesdays; and open from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Senior lunches at Winchester Senior Center will be operated as a drive-through at the front door of the senior center from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Lunch reservations continue to require 48 business hours of reservations. Seniors age 60 and older wanting a lunch must call Winchester Senior Center at 260-563-4475.
- North Manchester Public Library: Library patrons may place material requests online on the library website by visiting [www.nman.lib.in.us](http://www.nman.lib.in.us) or by calling 260-982-4773. The first pick up day will be Monday, May 11 from noon to 4 p.m. The library will loan out books, DVDs, laptops, WiFi hotspots and iPads to all card-holding patrons. Patrons will be limited to 10 items per car. Due dates and fines are as follows: Books: Three-week check out, no late fees; DVDs: Three days for new DVDs (with yellow tape), one week for old DVDs (without yellow tape) and a \$5 late fee per day, per item; WiFi Hotspots: One-week check-out and a \$5 late fee per day; and Laptops and iPads: 24-hour check out, \$25 late fee per day. Pick Up days will from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Any requested items will be available for pick up on the next pick up day.
- The North Manchester Center for History: Temporarily closed to the public. The Crossroads: Change in Rural America exhibit is available through video on the NHCH Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory](http://www.facebook.com/NorthManchesterHistory).
- Roann Paw Paw Township Public Library: Curbside pickup began Monday, May 4.
- Wabash Carnegie Public Library: WCPL patrons may request print or audiobooks by phone or online. Orders can be picked up at the Hill Street entrance of the library. Curbside service will be available from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Orders will be labeled in bags and left on a table in front of the library at a scheduled time. Any orders not delivered by 4 p.m. on the assigned day will be canceled and the items will be re-shelved. For more information, call 260-563-2972.
- Wabash City Hall: Citizens should visit [www.cityofwabash.com](http://www.cityofwabash.com) to pay bills for wastewater, ambulance billing and building department permits. City court offers pay by phone services. Questions regarding COVID-19 can also be directed to the new email address at [covid19info@cityofwabash.com](mailto:covid19info@cityofwabash.com). Anyone with questions should call 260-274-1485 or email [mayor@cityofwabash.com](mailto:mayor@cityofwabash.com).
- Wabash Circuit and Superior

Courts and Court Services (Probation and Community Corrections divisions): Closed to the public Wednesdays and Fridays.

- Wabash County Courthouse and Wabash County Health Department: Payments and other documents for these offices may be placed in a large locked box located just inside the west basement door of the courthouse. For more information, visit [www.wabashcounty.in.gov](http://www.wabashcounty.in.gov) or call the Courthouse at 260-563-0661 ext. 1222.
- Wabash County Judicial Center: A drop box is located outside, near the top of the stairs, for depositing payments and documents. The Wabash County Elections office may be reached at 260-563-0661 ext. 1238, Wabash County Circuit Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1241, Wabash County Superior Court at 260-563-0661 ext. 1254, Wabash County Court Services at 260-563-8466 ext. 1276, Judicial Annex Court Security: 260-563-0661 ext. 1261 and Wabash County Clerk of the Courts: 260-563-0661 ext. 1239.
- Wabash County Museum: Temporarily closed until further notice.
- Wabash County Solid Waste Management District: 24/7 drop sites at 1101 Manchester Ave. and at the Hardware in North Manchester will remain open for regular recycling. For more information, call 260-563-7649.
- Woman’s Clubhouse: Closed until further notice.
- WorkOne: Closed until further notice. Contact staff by phone at the Wabash location at 260-563-8421.
- Winchester Senior Center: All daily activities suspended until further notice.

New dates, postponements, cancellations set for Honeywell Center, Eagles Theatre events
- Honeywell Center: Hairball rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 18. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date. “Finding Neverland” has been canceled and ticket holders will receive an email with information regarding their refund.
- Honeywell House: Cabaret!!!, Dinner Chamber Series “Opus Two,” Conversations on Renovation and Eagles Theatre Ballroom Dances into the Future will be rescheduled, but does not yet have a set date.
- Eagles Theatre: Top of the Charts rescheduled for Thursday, June 18. Tribute to John Denver rescheduled for Thursday, July 23. Buckets N Boards will be rescheduled but does not yet have a set date.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplaindealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



Food

The secret is in the sauce

Memorial Day is around the corner. If you haven’t already escaped to the great outdoors to do some grilling, then now is the time to dust off the grill, breathe in the fresh air, and cook up a platter of these crispy, sticky ribs. When it comes to these baby

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back ribs, the secret is in the sauce. Infused with pomegranate molasses, the basting and dipping sauce yields a sweet and puckery glaze, ensuring the ribs will crisp to finger-licking goodness over the fire. No grill? No worries. You can also make these ribs in your oven.

Pomegranate molasses is a staple in Middle Eastern cuisine. It’s a slick reduction of pomegranate juice, sugar and lemon, and a great addition to marinades, sauces, dressings, even drinks. It’s available in the international section of your supermarket and specialty stores.

You can also make your own by combining 1 quart (4 cups) of unsweetened pomegranate juice with 1/2 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice in a medium saucepan. Simmer uncovered over medium-low heat, until the juice is reduced to about 1 1/4 cups and has a syrupy consistency, about 1 hour. Cool the syrup slightly (it will continue to thicken as it cools), and then store in a glass jar in the refrigerator for up to 3 months.

**Sweet and Sour Pomegranate Lacquered Ribs**  
**Active Time: 25 minutes**  
**Total Time: about 3 1/2 hours, plus marinating time**  
**Yield: Serves 4 to 6**

**Rub:**  
2 tablespoons salt

1 tablespoon granulated sugar  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon ground cayenne  
2 racks baby back pork ribs  
**Sauce:**  
2 large cloves garlic, minced  
1/2 cup pomegranate molasses  
1/4 cup ketchup  
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 tablespoon Sriracha  
1 teaspoon finely grated fresh peeled ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin  
1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Combine the rub ingredients in a small bowl. Evenly coat the ribs with the rub. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes, or cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before grilling.

Combine the sauce ingredients in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer over low heat to meld the flavors, 12 to 15 minutes.

Prepare the grill for indirect cooking over low heat, about 275 degrees on a gas grill. (Or heat your oven to 275 degrees.)

Grill the ribs over indirect low heat until the meat is tender, 2 1/2 to 3 hours, turning once or twice. During the last 30 minutes or so of cooking, lightly baste with some of the sauce. (If using an oven, arrange the ribs on a rimmed baking sheet and roast on the middle rack of your oven.)

Increase the grill heat to medium-high. Baste the ribs with the sauce and grill over direct heat until slightly charred and crisp, turning as needed, 8 to 10 minutes. (Or increase the oven heat to 450 degrees and cook until beginning to crisp, turning as needed.)

Serve with the remaining sauce for dipping.



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Mushrooms are a nutrient dense food.

Provided photo

Mushrooms with apple herb stuffing

By AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Mushrooms are a nutrient dense food. Low in calories, they are high in phytochemicals, including terpenes, which are being studied for their cancer-fighting capacity. Stuffing the mushrooms may take a little patience, but the blend of tastes – apples, leeks, basil and oregano, as well as mushrooms – is well worth the effort.

**Ingredients**  
Canola oil cooking spray  
20 large button mushrooms, wiped with a damp cloth  
1 Tbsp. reduced-sodium soy sauce  
4 tsp. canola oil, divided  
3 tsp. balsamic vinegar, divided  
1 small leak, white part only, rinsed and finely diced (about 3/4 cup)  
1 celery rib, minced  
1 medium red apple, peeled, cored and finely diced  
2 Tbsp. minced flat leaf parsley

1/4 tsp. minced fresh oregano or pinched of dried  
1/4 tsp. minced fresh basil or pinch of dried  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
1/2 cup whole-wheat breadcrumbs  
2 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, finely grated  
2 tsp. vegetable broth or water  
Makes 10 servings (2 stuffed mushrooms). Per serving: 70 calories, 2.5 g total fat (0 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrates, 2 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 370 mg sodium, 3 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

**Directions**  
Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Lightly coat baking sheet with canola oil spray. Scoop stems out of mushroom caps with small spoon. Trim and discard bottoms of stems, finely chop stems and set aside. In large bowl, mix soy sauce, 1 tsp. canola oil and 1 tsp. balsamic vinegar.

Add mushroom caps. Using your hands or large spoon, toss to coat each mushroom with soy sauce mixture and place, cavity side up, on prepared baking sheet. Set aside.

In medium skillet over medium heat, heat 1 tsp. canola oil and sauté mushroom stems, leek, celery, parsley, oregano and basil for 7 minutes, until celery and apple are tender.

Remove from heat and season mixture with salt and pepper, to taste. Add breadcrumbs and remaining 2 tsp. canola oil and stir to combine.

Transfer mixture to bowl and stir in Parmesan cheese and broth or water. Stuff each mushroom with slightly rounded tablespoon of filling. Brush remaining balsamic vinegar over tops of mushrooms.

Bake uncovered for 25 minutes or until mushrooms are tender when pierced with a fork. Serve immediately.

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The Wabash Plain Dealer has established a \$150,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local Wabash Plain Dealer print newspaper and special product advertising between April 28 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend \$200 in advertising, we match with a grant of \$200 additional advertising dollars to equal \$400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar for dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at:

[https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising\\_match/](https://www.wabashplaindealer.com/site/forms/advertising_match/), click on the “How Do I?” tab and Apply for a “Matching Advertising Grant”. The Wabash Plain Dealer will respond within 48 hours. A community newspaper is only ever as strong as the community it serves. We know businesses and workers are hurting, we’re hurting too. But if we can pull together as a community, we can weather this.

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